

The University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) is recruiting applicants for our 2009 summer workshop "**Public Policy and Biological Threats**". Now in its sixth year, the PPBT training program provides a dynamic, multidisciplinary learning environment with the goal of preparing the next generation of leaders in biosecurity research and policy. The Director of the program is Dr. Sam Bozzette (UC San Diego and the RAND Corporation). The 10-day program (July 31 - August 9) takes place at the UC San Diego campus, and features expert speakers from across the country who address a wide range of issues including:

The science of biological threat agents and weapons
Introduction to infectious diseases (both human and animal), epidemiology and public health
Basics of policy design and analysis, including issue of policy implementation
Biosecurity intelligence and forensics
International rules and regimes
Ethical and legal aspects
Disaster preparedness and response (policy, practice)
and much more.

The program is open to graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty and career professionals who are looking to broaden their understanding of these important issues. Acceptance into the summer program is highly competitive. **For individuals accepted into the program, IGCC offers full scholarships in a competitive manner to participants from U.S.-based Universities and Colleges, and may offer partial scholarships for individuals from abroad or from industry/government. Scholarships include the cost of travel, lodging, food and materials.**

If you know of an outstanding individual or two who would benefit from this program, please encourage them to apply by the deadline of April 17, 2009. More information, including application forms, can be found at <http://igcc.ucsd.edu/PPBT.php>. Inquiries should be directed to PPBT Program Manager Raymond Clark (raclark@ucsd.edu, 858-822-1944).